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LATENCY AND DELAY

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 15, 2000, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1, 5, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, cancel claim 14, and add new claims 27-39 as follows:

- a) 1. (AMENDED) A method of alleviating problems associated with delays in accessing data on a network, comprising [the steps of] :
- (a) accessing data on a network from a client computer;
 - (b) identifying when a sufficient delay occurs during the accessing step; and
 - (c) presenting filler contents on the client computer during the identified sufficient delay,
- wherein the filler contents are customized to a user's taste.